





## CIGARETTE PAPERS.

By JOSEPH HATTON.

## Red Letter Days.

You must be able to square your shoulders at the world, and lift your head high, before you essay to entertain it with a discourse upon your health. And yet the mere stroll in town, after an illness, makes you long to feel about it yourself. The recollection of that first day out is one of your pleasantest memories. As a landmark in the year that is closing, it marks a living at a beautiful city after a long journey by sea. The bustle of it, the gaiety, the obnoxious shopmen, the windows full of lovely things, illuminated by a passing gleam of sunshine. Yes, I felt that I had arrived. It was a tedious journey.

## Browning.

Where the bottles stand on the table's edge, had, in imagination, conjured up a country lane, "that sloped from base to base over the grassy hill," but I had no such eyes to convert the prosaic procession of medicinal draughts into rose-wreathed gates and grassy footways. To me it was a tedious journey. I had only fancy enough left to idealise the distant, the mighty tower of the sea. Once more in the great West-end street, I lived again. It was better than Browning's "suburb lane, with a wall to his bedside hand." I tried to go back retrospectively to the days when I was not a London-borne, you, too, will recall the day you entered it at its gates to make your fortune or to lose it. Your first play, the rising of the curtain on that world of romance, the opera; your first glimpse of the sea; the first time you saw the pretty She of your destiny; these are things you remember, but above all, that first day you came to London. You did not put your foot down haughtily, as poor Jumbo did on his arrival in New York. You were on the ground, you came humbly and fearfully, and stood aside to wonder.

## Bagdad and Regent Street.

On that, "one day this week," with "Aladdin," in my mind as vividly as Oscar Barrett has been entertaining him in rehearsal at Drury Lane, never doubted that the most brilliant of palaces of Arabian Nights had nothing finer to show than the bright array of shops in Regent-street—vast bazaars of radiant treasures from every corner of the earth. Gems from the Orient, jewellery from Paris, carpets from Persia, bronzes from India; Venetian glass; bangles from Eastern workshops; cloths of silk and gold from Pekin—all the world pouring into the lap of London its choicest and its best. And yet today no foreign manufactures were to be seen in the windows of the English brocade; the exquisite in design and colour, and you shall find at the great houses British cloths and woollens, Irish and English laces and silks, English carpets, English furniture, and china from Derby, Worcester, Staffordshire, to mention no more. Here and there a continental rivalry. Certain manufactures that for a time were under the cloud of a subsidised competition, have come out of the trial the better for their lessons; a hard fight, but it is hard fighting that makes for success. Here and there we are unhandicapped; but in some things we can beat our opponents with one arm tied up, and have to do it whether we will or no.

## On Being a Professor.

It must be a horrible business to be a funny man. I mean, of course, a humourist by profession. Once set a name for grinning through a horse collar, and you cannot be allowed to moralise about the affections. When you are grinning through a horse collar, it is a Pickwickian sense; no offence intended. Humour is only a matter of degree. Men who have made the world laugh the heartiest have often themselves been the saddest. Grimaldi, the clown, was not a cheerful person in private life. Robeson, the comedian, had a strong artistic impulse in the direction of tragedy; but he was only permitted to exhibit it by way of professed burlesque.

## The Last Stand of Spain.

When the story of the last stand of Spain against her revivified colonies is as old as her splendid triumphs of the past, it will be a story of a nation that has passed through the most interesting pages of European history. A nation that once dominated half the world, and whose ships sailed triumphantly on almost every sea, reduced to the possession of two little colonies, struggling ineffectually to hold them, is an instructive lesson. The fear that Great Britain, at the height of her power, may be at the beginning of her fall, does not present itself to the imagination because she safeguards her progress. She stands firm on a noble policy of civil and religious freedom, unnumbered by priestly power, ever broadening her base of liberty, and according the same to her colonies and dependencies. A true and generous mother of nations. One need not pause to make comparison with Spain. An old friend of mine, who is on a brief visit to his native London, and who holds an official position at the Admiralty, has been asked to reply to questions on the subject of Spain's "decline and fall," says, "Yes, you may sum up the whole of Spain's colonial possessions or dependencies in Sulu, the Philippines, and Cuba. For the last dozen years, I have known a country I know very well, that cannot go outside her stockades without a fight. The same natives that make this impossible will go and work for the Borneo and Sarawak companies and be doing a harmless, but when they go back to Sulu they put on their creases and are warriors ready for action." The British, the Dutch, and the Spanish are masters of Borneo. Within the past few years Borneo has done a large trade in tobacco. It is said that in the near future it is not unlikely that she will be heard of as a great cotton and coffee-producing country.

## The Jap in a New Character.

"And what of the Philippines?" I asked my friend; "the rising seems to be almost as serious for the Spanish Government as the revolt of Cuba." "Quite as serious," I should say, "and with the prospect of a similar conclusion. A people cannot go on fighting for years and years, maintaining a quasi independence with tremendous sacrifices of life and property, without winning at last the recognition of the Great Powers. The rising in the Philippines really began at the bottom of most of the troubles of Spain at home and abroad. Manila is not an object so much to the tyranny of the Government as to the tyranny of the Church, and of course the Church and the Government with Spain are one and the same thing. The question, however, is 'Who is behind the insurgents?' There are those who think the arms come from Germany, they are supplied by the Japs, who have long wished to trade and colonise in the Philippines. They are believed by many who should be able to judge to have fomented the trouble and furnished arms and ammunition. They are, you see, quite near the scene of operations, and Spain is a long way off. If the Japs openly sided with the rebels and supported them without disguise, they could easily make Spain the Japs have a better fleet than Spain. We hear a great deal about what Spain could do against America if the Government at Washington intervened, but she would be utterly defeated. Even if the Cubans are left alone, and so, I believe, will the insurgents of the Philippines. This is the first time one has heard of the Japs as secret allies of the latter. My opinion is from a source that entitles it to the highest credit.

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BLOCKS.

BY GUY BOOTHBY,

AUTHOR OF

"A BIG BOY FOR FORTUNE," ETC.

CHAPTER V.

CONSEQUENCES.

As soon as I reached the scullies after

the race, and had dismounted and

weighed, Pete pushed his way through

the crowd and clapped his hand upon

my shoulder.

A beautiful race," he cried en-

thusiastically, "and splendidly rid-

dened. You culped three yourself, Jim.

Now you must come along with me

and let us drink your health."

I wanted a stimulant pretty badly,

for my fall had been a severe one.

So I followed him to the booth

back of the grand stand, where I found

the one-eyed Doctor and another man,

whom I had never seen before, await-

ing our coming in close conver-

sation. The stranger was a medium-

sized, sandy-haired person, with tun-

tled eyes, and a sharp, keen

expression. He was dressed in a de-

fective to a bookmaker. His name, so

I soon learned, was Jarman, and when

I came up to him he was good enough to

congratulate me on winning my race.

Then turning to Pete he said quietly:

"By the way, Jarman, I found

I've been making a mistake in the

last half hour. How's your horse

bred?"

Pete seemed surprised for a second,

then he quickly recovered himself and

answered:

"Don't ask me, for I'm sure I

couldn't by chance out of a likely look-

ing mob from the South. He may be

well bred, he certainly looks it, but

on the other hand, he may not, so as

I shall soon sell him again I think it

safest not to inquire more men came

up. Then two other men came up,

and had another, and yet

another, round of drinks, till I began

to feel as if, after all my exer-

cise, I had had more than was

prudent. But somehow I didn't care.

I was desperate, and drank some

more. I was sure I knew

that by riding the race I had done for

myself, lock, stock, and barrel, so

far as my own prospects were con-

cerned, so what did anything else mat-

ter. At last it was time to start for

home.

"By the way, Mr. Jarman," said

Pete, turning to the man I have de-

scribed above, "if you've nothing bet-

ter to do this evening won't you come

up to my place to dinner. You'll join

us, won't you, Jim?"

I jumped at the opportunity—for I

was certainly not going home, to be

insulted and abused by my

father. Jarman accepted the invita-

tion with companionable alacrity,

and then the four of us set off to-

gether for the township. By the time

we reached it my head was swimming

with the liquor I had taken, and I

had a queer, confused recollection

of what followed. I know that

we sat down to dinner, and were

waited on by one of the black boys; I

know that I drank every time any-

thing was offered to me, and talked

incessantly; and I know that I

saw, and what I would, I could

not drive the picture of poor little

Sheilah's troubled face out of my

brain. I also recollect seeing Jar-

man sitting opposite me with his im-

passive, yet always closely observant

face, listening to everything I said,

and watching Pete continually.

Great as had been my success that

day, and triumphant as I naturally felt

at winning the race, I think that that

was the most ghastly meal of which I

have ever partaken. At last an idea

seized me, why or wherefore I cannot

say, but I was determined to

bring it to a close. I went

to the dining-room, where a lamp

was burning brightly. Pushing my

way round the chairs, I came to a stand-

still before the table and confronted

my father, who was sitting at the far-

thest end, with a book upon his knee

as usual. He looked up at me, and I

looked down at him. Then he said

very calmly:

"Well, what do you want here?"

I tried to speak, but my voice failed

me.

"You rode the horse in spite of my

orders to the contrary, I suppose?"

"I did," I answered—my poor head

swimming all the time.

"And I suppose, having defied me,

to the very best of your ability, you

have come back expecting me to for-

get and forgive?"

"I do not expect anything," I stam-

mered, "only want to know what

you intend doing with me. That's

all."

"Well, that's easily told," he an-

swered. "Of course I intend sticking

to my share of the bargain. As I

warned you, you leave this house

to-night, and until I ask you, you'd bet-

ter not come near it again."

"And then you'll find as long as

you please and as long as I won't

need," I replied. "No, no! You

needn't be afraid of my troubling you.

My home had never been so sweet

to me that I should leave it so de-

votedly. You've been an ungrate-

ful son to me all my life, and this is

the only logical outcome of it."

He pointed furiously to the door,

and without another word I took the

hint and left the room. Then I

fumbled my way across the verandah

down into the garden, and, having

reached it, stopped to look

back at the house. My father was now

standing on the steps watching me.

His head was bare, and his grey

hair was just stirred by the cool night

wind. I held on to a post of the wire

fence, and looked at him. Seeing

that I did not go away he shook his

head at me, and drew me to come back.

on peril of my life; assuring me with

an oath that he would shoot me like a

dog if I ever showed my face in his

grounds again. There was something

so supremely devilish about the old

man's face, where I found him, that

I almost like a shock found of

him that I should have been of

a young man twice his size and strength,

so I said no more, but went back on

my tracks down the hill, over the ford,

and up again to Whispering Pete's. It

was as if fate were deliberately draw-

ing me towards the tragedy and the

undoing of all my life.

Reaching the house, I stumbled up

the steps on to the verandah. I had

not been gone more than three

quarters of an hour, but it seemed

like years. Remembering all that had

happened to me in the interval, it came

almost like a shock home to find Pete,

the one-eyed Doctor, and Jarman,

still seated at the table, conversing as

quietly as when I had left them. The

room was half full of smoke, and it

was easily told that they had been

drinking more than was good for them.

I came near the door, and, looking

through the cigar smoke even now

As my footsteps sounded in the

verandah Jarman rose to his feet and

putting his hand on Pete's shoulder,

said, in a loud voice, "In the Queen's

name, I arrest you, Peter Dempster,

and you, Edward Finnian, for horse

stealing. You are both under arrest.

There was a complete silence in the

room. Then Pete turned half round,

and, quick as a cat, sprang at Jarman,

and had stepped back against the wall.

There was a wild struggle which

scarcely lasted more than a few

seconds. Pete's foot forced his

antagonist into a chair, and while

holding him by the throat, picked up

a knife from the table, drove it into

his breast, plucked it out, and drove

it in again. The warm blood spur-

ting out over his hands, and Jarman

gave a great cry for help that rang

far out into the dark night. Then there

was silence again, broken at

intervals by a horrible kind of cho-

king noise from the body on the chair

and the hooting of a crow in the

tree above the house. "How I

place I could not move from the

world where I stood, until Pete rose

to his feet and put the knife down

on a plate, taking particular care that

it should not touch the white linen

cloth. The meticulous precision

with which he did this, and the

fact that he did it, was more

sobered me like a cold douche. What

should I do? What could I do? But

there was no time for anything. I

must have moved and made a noise

for suddenly the Doctor, revolver in

hand, sprang to the verandah and

looked out into the darkness. "You,"

he cried, as soon as he be-

came aware of my identity. "My

God, you can thank your stars it's

you. Come inside."

Almost unconsciously I obeyed, and

stepped into the room. Pete was at

the further end, examining his finger.

He looked up at me, and said in a

low, cat-like voice, as he did so,

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and approached the murdered man.

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rid of this," he asked, "but how?"



will at once prove a cause for alarm. Most of the seals are true, are killed legitimately and come in the breeding season, when it is made a point of taking only young males, which are driven to the "rookeries" by the old ones. It were it possible to restrict the number of the animals to this period, p

"The Elviden Quilt," which the special merit of enabling Fanny Brough to make her return after a longer absence from the boards that has lately fallen on brilliant lady's lot. The play was announced as having been "by me" with Miss Beatrice Lamb, who reminds one that it is some time since Miss Lamb was seen in a new role. The main attraction of "The Junior," now that Mr. Penley, who did not appear in it, will be the London debut of Miss Aumonier, a young actress of provincial report speaks highly of her.

Dr. C. S. Patterson's paper on Salmon: Is he a Fresh or Salt Water Fish?" drew a large audience at the Piscatorial Society's meeting on Monday last, when Mr. Foreman (their respected hon. treasurer) occupied the chair. The course of a most scientific discussion in which the various characters

Let it be known that it is unlawful for any person to play at puff and dart at stake for money, even when the stake is no more than a rabbit. The game is no more than one of skill, but that does not matter. Any given rabbit or any other animal given to the players, was the character of the animal, was pronounced at the Leeds Prison Court, and I believe that it is correct to reflect the law. Publicans were well to remember, therefore, that the most innocent game is lawful in the much. Let it not be said that the

I hope these suggestions may be helpful to some of my readers in turning up their minds what to give their girl friends this Christmas. There are countless others I might mention, but I space to do so, but it is often

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## BROOKS V. LABOUCHERE.

SINGULAR LIBEL ACTION PRE-  
FERRED AGAINST "TRUTH."

In the Queen's Bench, Justice Hawkins heard an action brought by the Rev. G. Brooks, a Unitarian minister, against the proprietor of the "Truth," a London newspaper, for libel. The Rev. G. Brooks, a Unitarian minister, is a well-known figure in the religious community. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords.



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## A VALUABLE VERT.

JOINS THE ROMISH CHURCH AND  
CATHOLIC CHURCH.

Alexander Hamilton Hatch, 35, of 24, Claremont-square, was charged on remand, at Clerkenwell Police Court yesterday, with feloniously forging and uttering on 31st inst. an order for £100, in favour of the Rev. G. Brooks, a Unitarian minister, for £100, Commercial-road, E. The order was in the name of the Rev. G. Brooks, a Unitarian minister, for £100, Commercial-road, E. The order was in the name of the Rev. G. Brooks, a Unitarian minister, for £100, Commercial-road, E.

A Hint from the Jury. Interrupting proceedings and addressing witness, Justice Hawkins, in the blandest tones, said he had received a communication which he ought to know of. The jury informed him that they had no wish to hear any more. Whereat Sir F. Lockwood, with an expansive smile on his cherubic countenance, sat down. But Mr. Brooks is not the man to be put down by a trifle of this sort. If he was not to be further cross-examined, he had come to witness the trial. His lordship raised his eyebrows, but observed that he had no power to prevent this. And Mr. Russell, a grey-headed old gentleman, went into the box, and gave evidence as to his relationship with plaintiff, which his lordship pronounced to be mainly irrelevant and immaterial.

A REMARKABLE SCENE. Then Mr. Brooks called defendant himself, and much fun ensued. Asked what he had said to the plaintiff, receiving a letter from Mr. Arkwright, he said he did not remember. He had inquired for such a letter, but it could not be found. You continued your attacks in "Truth," I don't remember. You would you be surprised to hear that 3 months after the letter referred to he sent me a donation? Not in the least. Shall I tell you why I say I am not surprised?—Mr. Russell, I don't remember. You would you be surprised to hear that 3 months after the letter referred to he sent me a donation? Not in the least. Shall I tell you why I say I am not surprised?—Mr. Russell, I don't remember.

CHRISTMAS MARKETS. Yesterday the superintendent of the Smithfield market, a representative of the "People" that he anticipated to-morrow's returns at the market would be the largest on record, and beat the previous maximum of 2,396 tons in 1892. It may be interesting to know that last year 347,583 of meat passed through Smithfield, and as this year this large total has been increased, it is anticipated that the Christmas supply to-morrow will reach 4,000 tons. The market, and 1,500 loads over the weighbridge. The market will be open for 17 hours, increasing daily until Thursday, when it remains open for 22 hours out of the 24. Smithfield draws its supply of home-bred and foreign fowls from the Corporation Market at Islington, the foreign and colonial beef coming via Deptford, where the beasts are slaughtered on arrival. Of course, the market is a very busy one, and also a very noisy one. The market is a very busy one, and also a very noisy one. The market is a very busy one, and also a very noisy one.

ARRIVAL OF COL. PLUMER. Col. Plumer, who commanded the Matabeleland Relief Column, has landed at Southampton. Col. Plumer is a well-known figure in the military community. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords. He is a member of the House of Commons and has been a member of the House of Lords.

LAMP FATALITY. Esther Ralawitoff, 21, daughter of a cap maker, of 27, Mulberry-street, Whitechapel, died at the Hospital. It appears that on Wednesday evening the mother went out leaving deceased and her sister in bed. Shortly afterwards the mother noticed from the street that her room was on fire. She ran upstairs and with assistance managed to rescue the children, but deceased was so dreadfully burnt that she never recovered from the shock. A paraffin lamp had been left standing on a table alight, and the remains of it were found on the floor after the fire had been extinguished. Deceased was found in a developed in flames, and it is supposed that the lamp exploded.

ACTION AGAINST AN EX-M.P. The action by Miss Helen Grant, of Dundee, against Mr. M. White, for M.P. for Forfar, was before Lord Kincarmine in Edinburgh Court of Session, and on the motion of defendant's counsel the hearing of the case was postponed until after Christmas vacation. No statement was made as to the nature of the action.

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION HOUSE. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayores and their family will spend Christmas at the Mansion House, whether they will remove to the next Wednesday. Although the work of decoration at the Mansion House will not be finally concluded until Jan. 4, sufficient arrangements are already furnished to admit of the Lord Mayor taking up his residence.

THE MICHAELMAS LAW SITTINGS END TO-MORROW, when the judges rise for the Christmas vacation, after which there will be no further sittings in court until Jan. 11, when the Hilary sittings begin.

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## LARRY LYNX'S LATEST.

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## BANK OF ENGLAND PORTER.

RECEIVED FOR STEALING VALUABLE  
PLATE AND BOOKS.

Charles Frederick Hoad, 42, headle employed at the Bank of England, pleaded guilty at the Criminal Court to stealing books from the Army and Navy Stores and plate from various City Companies. Mr. Warburton prosecuted, and Mr. Gill appeared for prisoner. Mr. Warburton said prisoner had been for many years a street dealer at the Bank of England, his duty being to keep away evil-disposed persons, and his salary had been £120 a year. In addition to this he had been constantly employed as a carver at the dinners and functions of the City Companies. For some time prisoner's conduct at the Army and Navy Stores had excited suspicion, and on Nov. 2 a young lady, assistant observed him steal a book, which he put in his pocket. He proceeded to the top department and she followed, and there saw him take a small music-book. He was given into custody, and his residence searched, when, amongst a very large collection of new property of valuable kinds, no fewer than 37 books belonging to the Stores were discovered. But a much more serious matter, said counsel, was

MOST VALUABLE SILVER PLATE and other goods belonging to the various City Companies were also found. Prisoner, it appeared, had been employed at the dinners of the City Companies as a carver, and so much confidence was reposed in him that he was required to keep a watchful eye over the waiters. Valuable plate had been missed from the waiters, and had been over and over again discharged on suspicion. Some of the articles missed were over 300 years old, and one small spoon was valued alone at £180. Det.-Sgt. Eaden said that some of the plate found was stolen as long ago as 3 years. Property had been found belonging to 16 City Companies—18 months' hard labour.

OBSTINACY AND DEATH. Frederick Warner, Southdown-st., Bathurst Park, entered St. Bartholomew's Hospital on Sept. 21 with pleural effusion, for which he was several times tapped. On the 16th inst. he was discharged, but he was warned that he would risk his life if he left the institution. He persisted in doing so, however, and even refused a cash which the house physician offered to procure for him. A few minutes after he had left the institution, he fell down, and on being again taken to the hospital was pronounced to be dead.

ANGLING. YESTERDAY'S REPORTS. The Thames, Lea, Arun, and other rivers have scarcely been in a fishable condition during the week, but the weather has been so good, and anglers will be able in a day or two to resume operations. The following are the latest reports from the undermentioned stations:—

THE THAMES. TWICKENHAM.—The water has much improved in colour, and roach anglers ought to do well during the holidays. KINGSBOROUGH.—The water has now fallen down, and there is a fair chance of catching trout. DUNSTON PARK.—The water has been too thick during the week for fishing, but it is now running down, and should be a fair chance of catching trout. DUNSTON PARK.—The water has been too thick during the week for fishing, but it is now running down, and should be a fair chance of catching trout.

CLAREMONT ATHLETIC F.C. The members of this club had a successful meeting at the Prince of Wales Hotel, Clarendon-road, Clarendon, on Saturday last. The programme was arranged by Mr. C. W. Hand. The programme was arranged by Mr. C. W. Hand. The programme was arranged by Mr. C. W. Hand.

THE CLAPHAM TRAGEDY. TRAIL OF BROWN: VERDICT AND SENTENCE. Henry Brown, decorator, was indicted for the murder of his wife, Fanny Brown. Mr. Gill prosecuted, and Mr. Biron defended. In opening the case, Mr. Gill said the facts of the case were beyond dispute, and he understood the defence would be an effort to establish the insanity of prisoner. It appeared that in December, 1892, prisoner married the daughter of a Mrs. Lock, at Clapham. They lived together until the 10th inst. of the charge was beyond dispute, and he understood the defence would be an effort to establish the insanity of prisoner.

YESTERDAY'S RACING. WINDSOR DECEMBER STEEPCHASES. THE FOREST STEEPCHASES OF 40 SOVS. Mr. F. C. Stanley's Talmage, 4 yrs, 11st 13lb, won. Mr. F. C. Stanley's Talmage, 4 yrs, 11st 13lb, won. Mr. F. C. Stanley's Talmage, 4 yrs, 11st 13lb, won.

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At the Central Criminal Court Mr.  
Miller, for the prosecution, applied for  
an adjournment until next session in  
the case of Henry Miller. The case,  
he said, was a very long one and very  
complicated. There were a number  
of witnesses and upwards of 300 ex-  
hibits, some of which contained about  
300 documents. The Recorder ac-  
cordingly enlarged the recognisances  
of witnesses until next session.

The Lord Mayor has not only signified his willingness to allow the annual meeting of the Bethnal Green Free Library to take place at the Mansion House, but has also consented to provide.

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more than probable that the lion feels rather sorry for the meeting of its general committee at Liverpool, on Wednesday, the occasion of, perhaps, the most able display of impotence and inadequacy given by the representatives of an important political oration. The proceedings began with a resolution on the Armenian question, and the assembled Radicals furiously over the policy their party is to adopt. The meeting, which they all seemed

agreed was the general desire of abusing Lord Salisbury up and down date. That procedure at least, this merit, that while it the Radicals in a congenial pursuit does not necessitate the discussion of various delicate topics, the one of which is bound to set prey Radicals fighting like Kilgobbin. All through the day's progress a similar caution was observed with regard to topics of that One might have supposed that

would have been something said, if nothing had been done, about the vexed question of the Radical Whip. Not a bit of it. Had it been for the impudence of a cold representative, who was aptly under the delusion that the Committee had met for some practical purpose, the question of the leadership would never have been mentioned at all, and, as it was, the Sheffield men who wanted to know too much, were compelled to subside without being able to ascertain under what name was coming a Local Veto was

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the negative advantage of not having different sections of the Radical party to fly at each other's throats. In short, the proceedings were utterly useless and meaningless, because they did not dare to face any of the questions upon which the members of the Radical party feel strongly. The meeting has, therefore, only succeeded in revealing the nakedness of the land, in calling public attention to the absolutely chaotic condition of the country, and in showing the fragments which actually hostile fragments which composed what was once the great and powerful Liberal party. As a wind-

to the domestic politics of the year, a display of Radical impotence is equally opportune. It should encourage Unionists to look forward with cheerful courage to the new year and the new session. For the time being their opponents are lost in the maze of their own internal dimensions, and they will have to make haste if they mean to find daylight in time to play the part which the Opposition ought to play in next year's Parliament.

UNITED-BUT HOW?

At last it looks as though there were positive probability of realising the dream of a United Ireland. At last the Irish, of both creeds and of all classes, seem to have found a common ground upon which to stand, shoulder to shoulder, in defiance of the oppression of the brutal Saxon. Needless to say that ground consists of another imitation to their ever - distressful country. The picture of Ireland without a grievance of some sort is one that beggars the imagination of the average man; but surely, the par-

ular grievance which is to the fore at present now is the most preposterous that ever flourished even on the congenial soil where the shamrock is green. The Commission appointed by Mr. Gladstone's last Government to inquire into the financial relations between Great Britain and Ireland discovered—at least the majority, being all Irishmen and Home Rulers, discovered—that since 1801 the Act of Union, Ireland has been grossly over-taxed by comparison with England. We now charge

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LINER SUNK IN DOCK.  
FIVE WORKMEN DROWNED AT  
TILBURY.

One of the strangest shipwrecks on record occurred this week in Tilbury Dock, when the Orient liner the *Orotava*, without warning, suddenly heeled over with a starboard list and sank, carrying with her the workmen employed on her at the time. The vessel, a vessel of 3,532 tons, was moored alongside the quay undergoing the annual regulation inspection, overhauling and refitting. She had passed the inspection successfully, and stood before the world with the high and honourable character of a well-found, sound vessel, able to carry British troops and British commerce through all the risks that vessels have to face in the long Australian voyage.

**THE TERRIBLE SUNDAY.**  
Some 300 men of her crew and dock hands were engaged upon her, some scrubbing the outside, some loading up her bunkers with coal, others in the deep recess of her hold making ready for the reception of the cargo, which was shortly to have been entrusted to her keeping. At 3.30 the ship was affixed to the moorings, and the crew, with the exception of a few, were ordered to go to their quarters. The water poured in through the great aperture, and the vessel went on more and more rapidly to settle down on her starboard side. All the men on the deck and elsewhere in the upper part of the ship were fortunately able without difficulty to make good their escape. For a little while it was thought that no life had been lost, and that, except for the trouble of re-painting the vessel after she had been pumped out, no great damage would have been done.

**DROWNED LIKE RATS.**  
But when the men who had been aboard began to look round at one another on the quay it was seen that some faces were missing, and that the men who were missing had been engaged down in the ballast tank at the bottom of the vessel. From there it was seen at once that escape had been impossible. They had been, in fact, drowned like rats in a sewer. The names of the men lost are:—William Bateson, G. Reed, Prier, Fahey, and Harry Allman.

It has been ascertained that when the *Orotava* heeled over so suddenly to starboard there were 7 men down in the tanks at work, and their cries were distinctly heard by the people on the quay. Two of the men were seen to scramble out, and were unharmed, and so saved their lives. One of these, the youngest of the party, a youth, who owes his life to the selfishness of an older man, who, at the moment nearest to the means of escape, volunteered to take him, and in the end the lad might save himself. Prier and Charles Fahey are both married men, and it is a pathetic incident that Bateson was to have been married in a few days.

**ANOTHER ACCIDENT.**  
Pumping began again at an early hour on Saturday, and by 10 o'clock the vessel was again afloat. One of the ropes attached to the vessel broke, and the vessel was again in danger of sinking, but the ropes were again broken, and the vessel was again afloat.

INQUEST ON KAST.  
SCOTT AND RUSSELL.

An inquest was held on Frederick Kast, who died in Holloway Prison while under remand in connection with the Scott-Russell case. After a long and interesting trial, the jury returned a verdict of death, from natural causes, adding a rider that better provision should be made for sick prisoners under remand.

## KAST'S FUNERAL.

The funeral of Kast took place at Kensal Green on Saturday. The mourners included the mother and brother of the deceased, and Miss Phyllis Vincent, who had been engaged to be married to him. The funeral was a simple one, and the body was buried in the Kensal Green cemetery.

## MUSWELL HILL MURDER.

A meeting of the inhabitants of Muswell Hill and neighbourhood was held at the National School, Fortis Green, on Saturday. The meeting was called to order by Mr. C. D. W. Jones, and was attended by a large number of the residents. The meeting was held in connection with the murder of Mrs. L. M. Jones, who was killed on Muswell Hill on Saturday last.

## BOER CELEBRATIONS.

The Transvaal burghers have held their annual meeting at Krugersdorp to celebrate the victory gained by the Boers over the British forces under Sir George Colley in 1881. The meeting was held in a large hall, and was attended by a large number of the burghers.

THE "CANCER CURE" CASE.  
FERDINAND SENTENCED TO 18 MONTHS.

**HARD LABOUR.**  
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No very startling pronouncement was made on Dec. 15 at Paarde Kraal, but in the course of his speech Mr. Kruger made several mis-statements which it will be well to correct. Among other things, he said that the burghers had but 10 rounds of ammunition per man during the War of Independence. Now, it happens that during last month there was a debate in the Transvaal Volksraad as to the advisability of disqualifying a member of the Volksraad for the Government, and in the course of the debate Mr. Jan Meyer, a member, said that he had been referred to as having welcomed Shepeton in 1877. He admitted that he had met him, and had been engaged in a conversation with him, but he had never been untrue to his country. He had found out the plans of Shepeton, and when the war broke out in 1880 he had 20,000 cartridges, 500 lb. of gunpowder, and 750 lb. of lead in his house to commence hostilities with. He had told Shepeton that if he touched his country he would put a bullet through his head. These were the preparations of one man, and it may be taken for granted that others had also made like preparations. As regards the number of rounds of ammunition, Mr. Meyer said that he had only 10 rounds, but he had 100 rounds of ammunition.

**THE DEATH CERTIFICATE.**  
The woman Holliway, prisoner in the name of Woodland, was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment for having obtained a false certificate of death, caused a false entry to be inserted in a register of deaths, forged a diploma purporting to have been given to her by the Faculty of the Eclectic Medical College of Pennsylvania, in the United States, and had obtained a licence to practise as a doctor of medicine, and finally committed wilful and corrupt perjury at a coroner's inquest. Mr. Gill, who prosecuted, explained that prisoner, who described herself as an American doctor, conferring upon her the degree of Doctor of Medicine, and finally committed wilful and corrupt perjury at a coroner's inquest.

## STOLEN LACE.

At the Old Bailey, Christiana Paine, 35, her son, William Paine, 25, her daughter, Emma Paine, 23, who was represented as an Italian countess, and the last-named prisoner's husband, Panto Ugolini, 25, were indicted for conspiracy to steal, and stealing, a quantity of valuable lace and other goods, belonging to West-end tradesmen. Prisoners arrived in London on Nov. 3 from Paris, and stayed at an hotel in Vauxhall Bridge-road. It was alleged in evidence that they visited a number of West-end shops and made purchases, and that the lace was stolen from the shops.

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## WEST-END RATE COLLECTOR.

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The deaths registered last week in 23 great towns of England and Wales corresponded to an annual rate of 18.9 per 1,000 of their aggregate population.

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The annual death-rate per 1,000 from all causes, which had been 18.9, 18.8, and 18.9 in the preceding 3 weeks, fell again last week to 18.1.

During the 4 weeks ending on the 12th inst., the death-rate averaged 18.9 per 1,000, being 1.4 per 1,000 below the mean rate in the corresponding periods of the 10 years 1886-95.

The deaths attributed directly to influenza numbered 19, having been 14, 17, and 19 in the preceding 3 weeks.

Different forms of violence last week caused 67 deaths, concerning all but 8 of which inquests were held.

In Greater London 3,521 births and 1,951 deaths were registered last week, corresponding to annual rates of 29.7 and 18.9 per 1,000 of the estimated population.

Battersea Vestry has decided to light the parish with electricity. James Parker, a Wandsworth carter, fell from his cart, and was killed.

The Court of the Chelsea Hospital for Women. George Dray, 77, committed suicide at Cokham, near Rochester, by cutting his throat with a razor.

The plague shows no sign of abating at Bombay, and the exodus of natives from the city has commenced. The N.W. London Hospital, Kenilworth Town-nd., has received 10 brace of pheasants from Lord Rothschild.

Dr. G. F. Fussell, medical officer of health for E. Sussex, has died at Brighton. Margaret Hamilton, daughter of the sub-postmaster at Langdon, Co. Down, has been arrested on a charge of forgery and embezzlement.

Over £840 has been obtained in order to meet the cost of Dr. Cullinworth in the action brought by Miss Beatty.

A device has been patented in England for supplying watches with incandescent light, without increasing the size of the watch case.

The medical officer of health for Streatham reports that there have just died in that parish 8 persons, aged from 70 to 90.

At Bloomsbury County Court, Judge Bacon made an order of committal to Holloway Prison for 10 days against Lady C. I. Kerr.

The Belfast papers announce the death at Cahore, near Ballinacorney, of a Linc. Sp. 1811. Deceased's father lived to be 104.

The War Office has placed orders for about 200,000 pairs of boots amongst the Army contractors of Northamptonshire.

The official reports show that British soldiers launched this year 1,338,222 tons, against 1,156,591 tons last year.

Jane Orington, a Bootle barmid, drowned herself in a fit of temper for cause her father reproved her for being late in the New Year 2,048 new post offices were established and 1,750 discontinued in the United States, a net increase of 298.

The report that the 2 Chinese envoys at present in Italy have placed several large orders.

The Duke of Connaught, president of the Church Lads' Brigade, has forwarded a donation of £20 to the Headquarters Fund of that institution.

As William Butler, a little fellow of 11, living with his parents at Randal's-bridge, was playing on Buck's Bridge he fell into the canal and was drowned.

Nine horses strayed on to a colliery siding at Aberaman, Aberdare, and were run into by a coal train. 3 of the animals were killed and 3 others terribly injured.

The wife of a scaffold at the Guard Bridge Paper Works, Fifehire, 2 bricklayers named John Cairns and W. Davery were killed and others severely injured.

The wife of a railway signalman named Gillot was dead in her house at Millhill. The woman had apparently taken a fit, and falling on the fire, been burnt to death.

The R.A.O.B. election of Grand Priests of all England resulted as follows:—R. Wilson, M.P. (P. O. G. P. (Portsmouth), 753; majority, 3,299.

A telegram from Boston on the Don states that the large theatre in the public gardens there has been burnt to the ground, with all the scenery and stage fittings.

Viscount Gough, who has been transferred to Washington to be at first Secretary and Charge d'Affaires, will not enter on his new duties till the middle of January.

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Under the auspices of the National Sunday League the galleries of the Royal Society of British Artists in Suffolk-st., Pall Mall, will be open to-day (Sunday) from 2.30 to 3.30 p.m.

The Queen of Portugal recently amused herself by taking X-ray photographs of the court ladies, and was so horrified at the sight of deformed skeletons that the coronet is now tabooed in court circles.

A great bush fire has been raging in the country of Montana, Tennessee, and the township of Pengana has been nearly destroyed. Hundreds of people have been rendered homeless, and the damage done is estimated at £15,000.

Lieut.-col. Donald Robertson, of the Scots Fusiliers, will be the new Resident at Mysore and Chief Commissioner at Coorg. Col. Robertson spent 2 years as Assistant Resident in Mysore, but for the past 3 years he has been Resident at Gwalior, in the Central India Agency.

One of the great prizes of the postal service, Birmingham, has not yet been filled up; it is worth £1,000 yearly, £400 for postal and £100 for telegraphic business. There are only 10 postmasterships in the United Kingdom of that value, Manchester, Liverpool, and Glasgow being the others.

The Geological Department of the British Museum has received a valuable present from Lady Prestwich in the shape of the entire collection of fossils formed by her husband, the late Sir J. Prestwich. The series is especially rich in molluscan, mam-

malian, and other fossils from British, French, and Italian localities. At St. Helena, John Byron, land-lord of the Nelson, Co. Bridge-st., was fined £25 and costs for permitting drunkenness. Notice of appeal given.

Mr. A. H. Brewer, organist, and music-master at Tonbridge School, has been appointed organist of Gloucester Cathedral, in succession to Mr. C. L. Williams.

Prince Charles of Denmark has been appointed a Knight of Justice of the Order of the Hospital of St. John of Jerusalem in England.

The average cost of men-of-war in Nelson's time was only £25,000 for a large 100-gun ship. The Magnificent, one of the latest and finest in the British Navy, cost £250,000.

The funeral of Kant, who died in Holloway Gaol on Friday last, took place at Kensal Green. Wreaths were sent by Lady Scott and Countess Russell.

In some quarters English barley damaged by the wet and unfit for the brewer or the distiller, is being bought for a new purpose. It will be dried artificially, and then sold as cattle food.

The Wandsworth Guardians have resolved to erect a new home for the nurses engaged at the infirmary, adjoining that institution, at a cost of £10,000. The home will contain over 60 beds-rooms.

The secret marks on Bank of England notes which forgeries are so rapidly detected are constantly being changed. The microscope will reveal many such peculiarities to an observant eye.

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Although little business of a speculative character is being transacted, the leading markets present a fair degree of robustness. There is no longer much fear of the "dear money" policy, nor of a revival of the American gold drain. On the other hand, investment purchases of Consols, municipal securities, and home rails, are being continued at higher figures. The "bears" are thus quite "out of the swim" for the time being in these departments; and it appears not improbable that the upward movement will receive fresh development next month.

Chatham stocks were injuriously affected for a day or two by an alleged unfounded report that Messrs. Cook and Son had transferred their Continental passenger traffic to the South-eastern Railway. Nothing of the sort has taken place; the arrangements of the great tourist firm with the Chatham line remain intact.

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The Scotch pig-iron shipments for last week were 4,796 tons, and for the same week last year 3,510. The average for the year to date is 27,762 tons, and for the same period of last year 28,888.

The death is announced of Monaghan Talbot, who was recently rector of the Church of the Assumption, Warwick-st., Regent-st., the oldest Roman Catholic Church in London.

A lady at Auxerre has given birth to triplets, 2 boys and a girl, all of whom are doing well. Only last Christmas Day the same lady gave birth to twins, both of whom are still living.

It is stated that the lighting of certain of the London prisons by electricity is under consideration, and it is proposed to erect a special description of treadmill to supply the motive power.

Among the minor Ministerial projects for next session is a bill embodying the recommendations of the Committee of the Food Products Administration, which brought its 3-year-old enquiry to a close in July last.

According to the report of the medical officer of health for the borough of Croydon, the death-rate of 1896 was the lowest of any of the other large towns of the United Kingdom—namely, 14.3 per 1,000 of the population.

A deputation, representing the tenants on the Wood Norton and Hampton estates, has been received by the Duke of Devonshire, who has accepted of a handsome silver cup and book containing the names of subscribers on the occasion of his marriage.

The "New York Herald" is authorized to deny the report that Mr. C. Dewey is to resign from the New York Central Railway, and will accept Mr. McKinley's offer of the post of Ambassador to Great Britain.

Vice-admiral Seymour, admiral superintendent of Naval Reserves, is to have a year's extension of his appointment in order to carry out a scheme for improving the Naval Reserve, which will occupy a place in next year's Estimates.

It is understood in Berlin that the visit paid by the Emperor to M. de Neidold, on the latter's arrival through Berlin, is in diplomatic circles looked upon as denoting the cordiality of the relations now existing between the German and Russian Courts.

The Special Committee on the Works Department of the L.C.C. have elected Mr. E. Waterhouse, chartered accountant, and Mr. E. Waterhouse, architect, as assessors for the accommodation of the press.

A miner named David Dawson fell down the Ferndale pit, Rhondda Valley, from the mouth of the shaft to the bottom, a depth of 400 yds. The fall was not known until the body was found, and it is not known whether it was a case of suicide.

It is practically determined to drop Clause 1 of the Benefices Bill dealing with patronage, and to press forward with Clauses 2 and 3, which confer upon the bishop the power of refusing to institute an unfit person, and also to facilitate the removal of incompetent and idle incumbents.

The deputy-mayor of Croydon declares that there are 4,300 children in the borough unvaccinated, and that the public elementary schools have just considered the question—with what result is not known.

Several Conservative members are indignant at the proposal of the War Office to establish a military helmet for the army. These, together with many members of the Opposition, intend to bring the matter before Parliament almost as soon as the House re-assembles.

A goods traffic inspector named Squibb was killed on the line near Portsmouth. He was struck by a passenger train. The unfortunate man was only promoted to be inspector 3 weeks ago.

The streets at the National Gallery have gained an important concession from the committee. They petitioned a means whereby the copies made by them from the old masters may be exposed for sale. The committee have considered the matter, and have granted to them the use of a room for the purpose.

Early in the morning a fire was discovered to have broken out at 49, Crossfield-lane, High-st., Deptford. The outbreak was confined to a back room on the ground floor, but it was not until 11 a.m. that the fire was extinguished. The cause of the fire is not known.

A fire at 81, Blair-st., Bromley, Edward Blake was burnt to death. Henry Skinner, cooper, of 110, Osborne-rd., Forest Gate, a married man, went out for a walk on the 6th inst., and at 8 o'clock he was found lying on the ground. He was taken to the hospital, and died as the operation of trepanning was about to be performed.

An English jockey named Melf, employed by M. Menier, had died in Paris as the result of an accident. While at exercise, he was thrown from his horse. It was at first thought that he was not much hurt, but it was afterwards found he had fractured his skull. He was taken to the hospital, and died as the operation of trepanning was about to be performed.

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**SETTLED OUT OF COURT**  
 In the Queen's Bench Division of Justice was a special jury, of which A. Lewis was to have been. It was an action brought to damages for alleged breach of promise of marriage. Before the jury was called there was a conference between the counsel for Mr. Willis, the defendant, and Mr. Willis, the plaintiff, after which Sir F. Russell announced that there would be no defence, without costs, accordingly.

**TOBACCONIST'S COMPLAINT.** See THE OUTLOOK (25) p. 12. How to get the best out of a cigarette.

**THE DYNAMITE PLOT.**  
At the Criminal Court, Mr. Dwyer, who is defending the alleged dynamitar, Bell, applied for a postponement of the trial until the January sessions. It has been found necessary, in his interests, to make inquiries abroad, and this would take time. He asked, therefore, that the bill of indictment should not go before the grand jury at these sessions.—Mr. Bodkin, for the prosecution, assented to the application.—Recorder: It appears to be a reasonable application.

FUNERAL OF MRS. LE CHAMPION. The interment took place at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery, of Mrs. Le Champion. The coffin was almost hidden by the crosses and other floral decorations. Among them being tributes from Claude and Lady de Crepsin, were four mourning veils. One contained Mrs. Le Champion's hair, her sisters, Sir Claude and Lady de Crepsin and others. Toward the close of the service at the grave, Mrs. Le Champion, dressed in deep mourning, drove up and stood with the other mourners at a little distance from the grave. He was apparently affected.

The Secretary of State has released from her Majesty's prison at a Newbury, Jane Jordan, a Nov. 1880, at Lancaster was sentenced to death (which was afterwards commuted to life penal servitude) for wilful murder at Fleetwood.

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